outcome of the SLP and Panchayati Raj Initiations will be placed in the State.

Raising constituency allowance, office expenses and salary for staff of MPs

945. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to increase the constituency allowance, the office expenses and salary for the staff of the Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a notification to that effect is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The details are as under:-

(i) To raise the Constituency Allowance from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs.20,000/- p.m.

(ii) To raise the office expense allowance from Rs.14,000/- to Rs. 20,000 per month, of which, postage is being raised from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2000 per month, stationery from Rs. 3,000 to Rs.4,000 per month and staff assistance from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 14,000 per month Rs. 10,000 for a computer assistant in Delhi and Rs.4,000 for an assistant in the constituency).

The notifications duly vetted by the Ministry of Law and Justice have been sent to the Lok Sabha Secretariat for necessary action.

Amendment in the Right to Information Act

†946. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are reconsidering to amend the Right to Information Act in order to keep the file notings outside its purview; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) There is no immediate proposal to amend the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Draft of Public Service Bill, 2006

†947. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared draft of Public Service Bill, 2006;

(b) if so, the details of the prominent provisions included in this document; and

(c) the time by when this Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament to get it passed by the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has drafted a Public Services Bill, 2006 which would provide a statutory basis for the regulation of Public Services in India, review and lay down the fundamental values of Public Services, the Public Service Code of Ethics, Public Service Management Code, Protection of Whistleblowers, Recruitment Code governing the Public Services and establish the Public Services Authority for facilitating review and proper development of public services as a professional, merit based & accountable instrument for promoting good governance and better delivery of services to the Citizens.

The draft Bill has been circulated to all the State Governments, Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India, etc., for obtaining their comments/views and has also been put in the Government of India Portal to obtain views/comments from general public. However, no time frame has been fixed for its introduction in the Parliament.

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